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HIGHWORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND OF THE

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1968

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ARTICLE 1

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

by

Dr. C. P. B. Parry

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This report, which summarises the health of the District for the year 1968, has been written by your Acting Medical Officer of Health, Dr. E. Hope Lamb. Unfortunately, due to the fact that I relinquished the post of Medical Officer of Health before the necessary statistics were available from the Registrar General, I was unable to prepare the report myself.

You will note that the health of the District has remained good, as in previous years. The birth rate has declined, as it has throughout the whole of the country, and while there has been an increase in the number of deaths in the District, this has occurred mainly in the over 75 age group.

The incidence of measles is perhaps of interest, for there was a considerable decrease in the number of cases notified and one could hope that this was due to the immunisation campaign against this disease which started in the District in June.

You will notice that Infective Jaundice has become a notifiable disease and some eighteen cases were notified during the period under review.

I wish to thank the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and help during the year, and Mr. S. L. A. Jaques, the Clerk to the Council, for his unfailing assistance at all times. I am indebted to Mr. A. G. Underwood, the Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. J. Melrose and the Public Health Inspectors for their co-operation and help. I should like to mention Dr. P. G. Mann, Pathologist to the Public Health Laboratory, Bath, who has so readily helped on pathological and epidemiological matters, and the Health Visitors who have given such valuable assistance in environmental problems.

C. P. B. PARRY

FOREWORD

by

Dr. E. Hope Lamb

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As once before, I am holding the medical fort until a new medical officer of health is appointed and takes up office.

I am indebted to Dr. Parry for writing an introduction in which he comments upon the main happenings of the year, and to Mrs. Styles for preparing the statistical data.

My thanks are also due to Mr. Jaques, Clerk of the Council, Mr. Melrose, the Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. Brown, his Deputy, and the other officers for the way they have received and helped me.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

E. HOPE LAMB

Acting Medical Officer of Health

23rd June, 1969

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the District (acres)	..	..	48,549
Estimated Population (May 1st)	..	..	41,160
No. of inhabited dwellings at 31.12.68	..	..	14,122
Rateable Value	..	..	£2,212,299

VITAL STATISTICS

In calculating birth and death rates, area comparability factors are provided by the Registrar General to correct differences in the age and sex structure of the local population. For Highworth Rural District the comparability factors are: births - 0.85; deaths - 1.10.

	<u>Highworth R.D.</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	.. 18.36	16.9
Death Rate per 1,000 population	.. 11.33	11.9

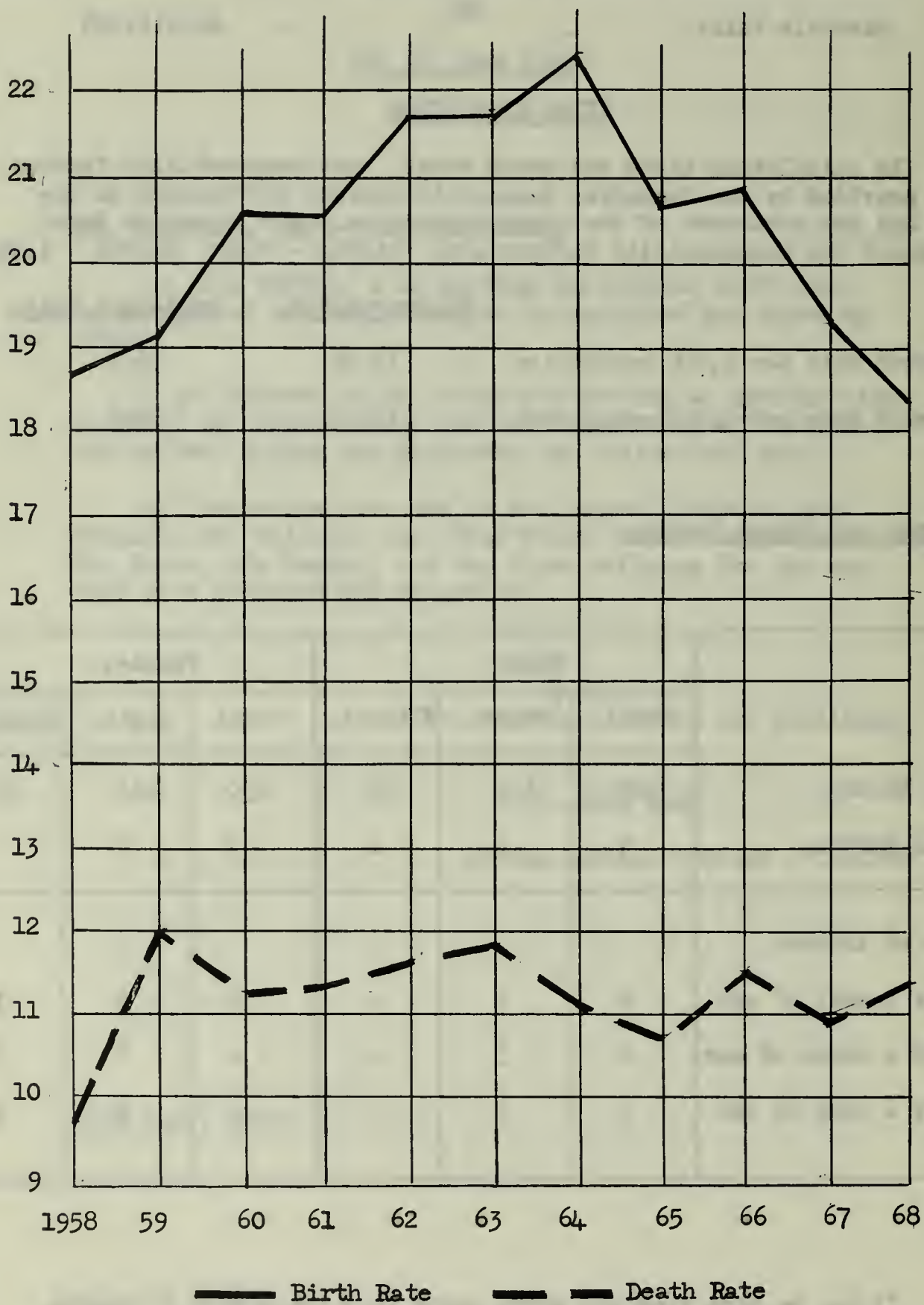
Births and Infant Deaths

	Males			Females		
	Total	Legit.	Illegit.	Total	Legit.	Illegit.
Live Births	459	431	28	430	411	19
Still Births	9	8	1	7	7	-
Deaths of Infants						
Under 1 year of age	8	8	-	8	6	2
Under 4 weeks of age	5	5	-	6	5	1
Under 1 week of age	5	5	-	6	5	1

It can be seen from the above table that there were 16 deaths under one year out of a total of 889 births. Compared with the previous year, there were two less deaths and 36 more births.

Birth and Death Rates Highworth R.D.C. 1958-68

Rate per thousand
Population



The birth rate rose steadily between 1958 and 1964, but since that year there has been a fall. The death rate has remained fairly constant over the years.

The birth rate for the Rural District is higher than that of England and Wales, but the death rate is very similar.

CAUSES OF DEATH 1968

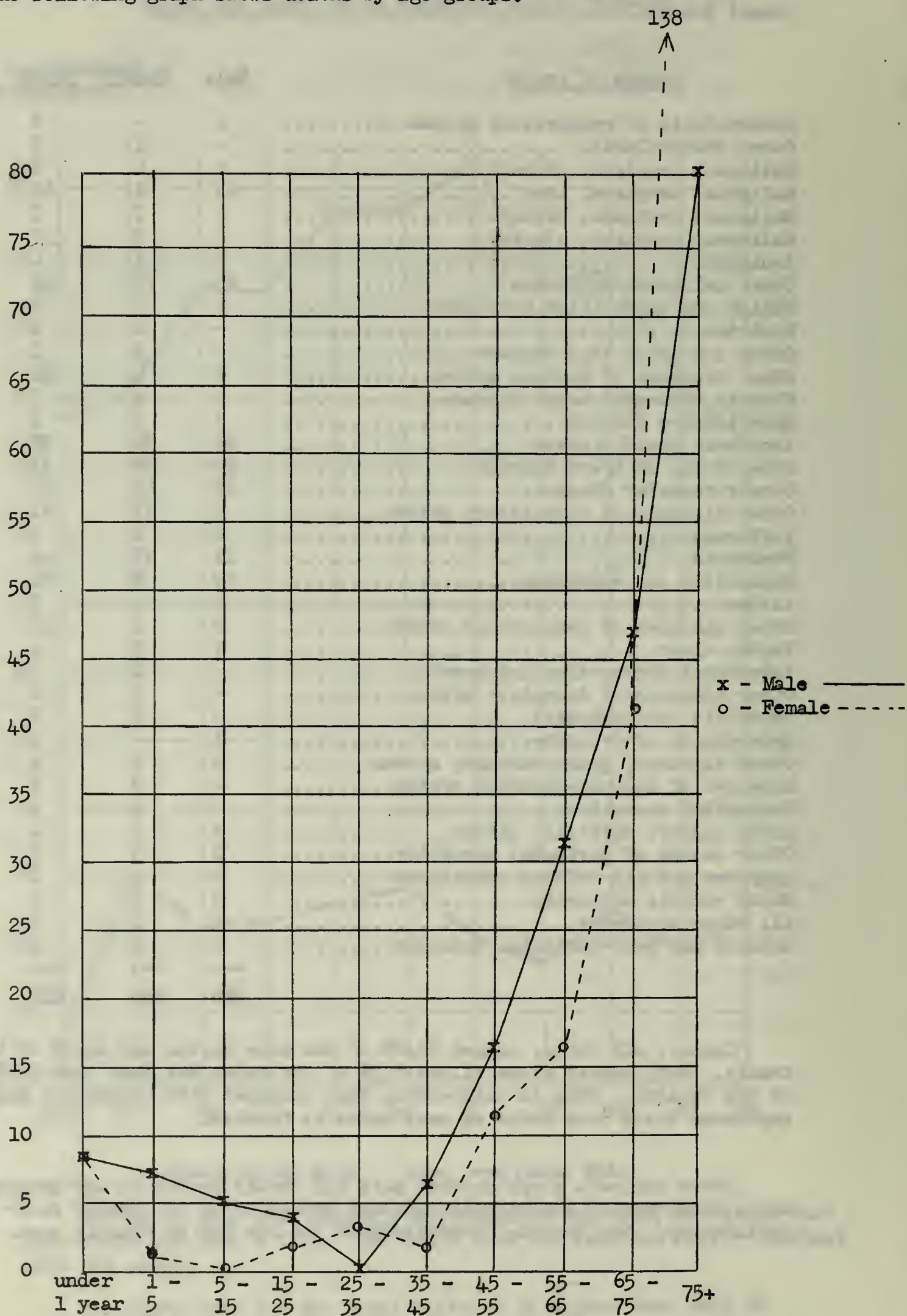
The figures given below are taken from the Registrar General's Annual Report:

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis of respiratory system.....	2	-	2
Other tuberculosis.....	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.....	2	4	6
Malignant neoplasm, lung.....	17	1	18
Malignant neoplasm, breast.....	-	7	7
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.....	-	2	2
Leukaemia.....	3	1	4
Other malignant neoplasms.....	23	22	45
Benign and unspecified neoplasms.....	5	1	6
Diabetes.....	-	1	1
Other endocrine etc. diseases.....	-	1	1
Other diseases of nervous system.....	6	4	10
Chronic rheumatic heart disease.....	1	4	5
Hypertensive disease.....	1	2	3
Ischaemic heart disease.....	46	24	70
Other forms of heart disease.....	13	18	31
Cerebrovascular disease.....	18	45	63
Other diseases of circulatory system.....	6	15	21
Influenza.....	2	1	3
Pneumonia.....	11	33	44
Bronchitis and emphysema.....	17	8	25
Asthma.....	1	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system.....	9	3	12
Peptic ulcer.....	1	3	4
Intestinal obstruction and hernia.....	-	1	1
Other diseases of digestive system.....	-	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis.....	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate.....	1	-	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system.....	2	2	4
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system.....	-	2	2
Congenital anomalies.....	-	4	4
Birth injury, difficult labour.....	3	1	4
Other causes of perinatal mortality.....	2	3	5
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions.....	1	-	1
Motor vehicle accidents.....	5	1	6
All other accidents.....	5	4	9
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries.....	1	1	2
	<u>204</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>426</u>

Cancer, all forms, caused 22.0% of the male deaths and 16.7% of the female. Lung cancer alone killed 8.3% of the males but less than 0.5% of the females. This is interesting when compared with bronchitis and emphysema which took twice as many males as females.

There follow a graph showing male and female deaths in age groups, and a breakdown of the figures into age groups which is largely self-explanatory. The terminal conditions in old age can be clearly seen.

The following graph shows deaths by age groups.



In the over 75 age group 138 females died compared with 80 males. This, of course, was due to the fact that in almost every previous age group more males died than females, and therefore the survivors at the age of 75 were predominantly female.

The following table shows deaths by age groups.

1.	<u>Under 1 year</u>				<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Congenital anomalies	...	...	...	-	3	
	Other causes	...	...	...	5	4	
	Accidents	...	...	...	3	1	
					8	8	16
2.	<u>1 - 15 years</u>						
	Leukaemia	...	...	...	1	-	
	Other malignant neoplasms	...	...	...	1	-	
	Benign and unspecified neoplasms..	...	...	...	1	-	
	Diseases of nervous system	...	...	...	2	-	
	Pneumonia	...	...	...	2	-	
	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	2	-	
	Motor vehicle accidents...	...	...	...	1	1	
	Other accidents..	...	...	...	2	-	
					12	1	13
3.	<u>15 - 25 years</u>						
	Malignant neoplasms	...	...	...	1	1	
	Benign and unspecified neoplasms..	...	...	...	1	-	
	Diseases of nervous system	...	...	...	1	-	
	Diseases of genito-urinary system	...	...	...	-	1	
	Motor vehicle accidents...	...	...	...	1	-	
					4	2	6
4.	<u>25 - 35 years</u>						
	Malignant neoplasms	...	...	...	-	1	
	Diabetes mellitus	...	...	...	-	1	
	Other endocrine etc. diseases	...	...	...	-	1	
					-	3	3
5.	<u>35 - 45 years</u>						
	Malignant neoplasms	...	...	...	3	-	
	Cerebrovascular disease...	...	...	...	-	1	
	Asthma	...	...	...	1	-	
	Nephritis and nephrosis...	...	...	...	-	1	
	Motor vehicle accidents...	...	...	...	1	-	
	Suicide	...	...	...	1	-	
					6	2	8
6.	<u>45 - 55 years</u>						
	Malignant neoplasm, lung	...	...	...	1	-	
	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	-	2	
	Other malignant neoplasms	...	...	...	3	2	
	Benign and unspecified neoplasms..	...	...	...	1	-	
	Diseases of nervous system	...	...	...	1	-	
	Chronic rheumatic heart disease...	...	...	...	-	2	
	Ischaemic heart disease...	...	...	...	8	2	
	Other heart disease	...	...	...	-	1	
	Diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	1	1	
	Diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	-	1	
	Motor vehicle accidents...	...	...	...	1	-	
					16	11	27
7.	<u>55 - 65 years</u>						
	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	1	-	
	Malignant neoplasm, lung..	...	...	...	8	-	
	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	-	2	
	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	-	2	
	Leukaemia	...	...	...	1	-	
	Other malignant neoplasms	...	...	...	4	5	
	Benign and unspecified neoplasms..	...	...	...	1	1	
	Diseases of nervous system	...	...	...	-	1	
	Chronic rheumatic heart disease...	...	...	...	1	-	
	Ischaemic heart disease...	...	...	...	7	-	
	Cerebrovascular disease...	...	...	...	2	1	

55 - 65 years (cont'd.)					<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Bronchitis and emphysema	...	...	...	...	1	-	
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	2	1	
Peptic ulcer	...	...	...	...	1	-	
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	1	-	
Congenital anomalies	...	...	...	...	-	1	
					<u>31</u>	<u>16</u>	47

8. 65 - 75 years

Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	-	2	
Malignant neoplasm, lung...	...	...	...	...	4	1	
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	-	1	
Leukaemia	...	...	...	...	-	1	
Other malignant neoplasms..	...	...	...	...	6	8	
Benign and unspecified neoplasms..	...	...	...	...	1	-	
Diseases of nervous system	...	...	...	...	-	2	
Ischaemic heart disease	...	...	...	...	16	6	
Other forms of heart disease	...	...	...	...	2	3	
Cerebrovascular disease	...	...	...	...	6	9	
Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	2	-	
Influenza and pneumonia	...	...	...	...	1	3	
Bronchitis and emphysema...	...	...	...	...	7	2	
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	2	-	
Peptic ulcer	...	...	...	...	-	1	
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	...	...	...	...	-	1	
Suicide	...	...	...	...	-	1	
					<u>47</u>	<u>41</u>	88

9. 75 years and over

Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	2	-	
Other tuberculosis..	...	...	...	...	-	1	
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Malignant neoplasm, lung...	...	...	...	...	4	-	
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	-	2	
Leukaemia	...	...	...	...	1	-	
Other malignant neoplasms..	...	...	...	...	5	5	
Diseases of nervous system	...	...	...	...	2	1	
Chronic rheumatic heart disease...	...	...	...	...	-	2	
Hypertensive disease	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Ischaemic heart disease	...	...	...	...	15	16	
Other forms of heart disease	...	...	...	...	11	14	
Cerebrovascular disease	...	...	...	...	10	34	
Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	2	12	
Influenza and pneumonia	...	...	...	...	10	31	
Bronchitis and emphysema...	...	...	...	...	9	6	
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	3	1	
Peptic ulcer	...	...	...	...	-	2	
Other diseases of digestive system	...	...	...	...	-	2	
Diseases of genito-urinary system	...	...	...	...	2	1	
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	...	...	...	...	-	1	
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	...	...	...	...	1	-	
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	1	-	
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	-	3	
					<u>80</u>	<u>138</u>	218

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The following table shows all statutory notifications by age groups and quarters of the year.

Notifications of Infectious Diseases by Age Groups and Quarters of the Year

Age in Years	Under 1		1 -		2 -		3 -		4 -		5-9		10-14		15-24		25+		1st Qrt. Total		2nd.Qrt. Total		3rd Qrt. Total		4th Qrt. Total		Grand Total	
Measles	M -	F 1	M 5	F 3	M 6	F 6	M 7	F 9	M 4	F 11	M 12	F 14	M 1	F -	M 1	F 1	M -	F 2	M 2	F 2	M 3	F 3	M 5	F 8	M 26	F 34	M 36	F 47
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	5	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	5	3	-	-	-	1	-	10	5
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	1	3	3	2	4	1	1	3	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	5	7	-	4	9	13
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	3	2
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	2
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	6	2	1	-	1	3	-	3	-	-	-	1	4	1	4	9	9	
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	6	-
Tuberculosis (Other)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-

Tuberculosis

The Mobile X-Ray Unit visits the area once a week. On Thursday mornings at 10.30 it is in the Market Square at Highworth, then proceeds to the White Hart Hotel, Oxford Road, Stratton St. Margaret, at 11.00.

I am indebted to the Medical Officer in Charge of the Mass Radiography Service, Reading, for the following figures for the year 1968.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of patients referred by G.P.'s 	66	61	127
Number referred to Chest Clinic...	3	-	3
Diagnosis of cases referred:			
Inactive Tuberculosis 	1	-	1
Carcinoma 	2	-	2

The figures are small, but it is surely a sign of the times that twice as many cases of cancer were detected as were cases of tuberculosis.

Changes in Notification of Infectious Disease

Dr. Parry has mentioned that infective jaundice became notifiable. This took effect on 15th June, 1968, and on 1st October several other changes took place in accordance with the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations under the Health Services and Public Health Act of 1968.

(a) Certain additional diseases are now notifiable:

Acute meningitis - hitherto limited to meningococcal infection.
Leptospirosis - (also known as leptospiral jaundice or Weil's Disease). Previously notifiable only in N.Ireland and parts of England.
Paratyphoid fever - previously notifiable by order of local authority.
Yellow fever - previously notifiable in N. Ireland and parts of England.

(b) Notification of certain diseases is no longer required:

Acute influenzal pneumonia
Acute primary pneumonia
Acute rheumatism
Erysipelas
Membranous croup
Puerperal pyrexia

Other important changes came about. The powers of the local authority to require a person to stop work in order to prevent spread of infection are extended to permit action in cases of food poisoning. Also, exclusion from work can apply to a person living outside the district but working within it, and vice versa.

IMMUNISATIONS

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer for the following immunisation figures for the District.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Measles

Year of Birth		1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1959-1963	1953-1958	Others Under 16
Primary imms. completed during 1968	Diph.	493	373	3	5	6	36	3	-
	Wh/c.	489	362	2	1	-	-	-	-
	Tet.	493	373	3	5	6	44	27	24
	Measles	10	302	306	262	261	547	71	-
Reinf. injects. administered during 1968	Diph.	-	134	413	20	36	619	6	-
	Wh/c.	-	99	258	2	10	122	4	-
	Tet.	-	134	413	20	36	628	19	29

Smallpox

Age Group	Months				Years		
	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	1	2-4	5-15
Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	18	28
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	3	41

Poliomyelitis

AGE GROUP	2nd inj.	3rd inj.	4th inj.	3 oral doses	2 orals after 2 inj.	4th oral after 3 inj. or 3 oral
1968	-	-	-	468	-	-
1967	-	-	-	399	-	214
1966	-	-	-	1	-	384
1965	-	-	-	1	-	3
1964	-	-	-	2	-	19
1959 - 1963	-	-	-	77	-	467
1953 - 1958	-	-	-	1	-	10
Others under 16	-	-	-	-	-	1
Others over 16	-	-	-	10	-	25
TOTALS	-	-	-	959	-	1,123

Primary Diphtheria Immunisation State of Babies

	1966 babies	1966 babies immunised to 31.12.67	%
Highworth R.D.	890	939	105.5
	1967 babies	1967 babies immunised to 31.12.68	%
Highworth R.D.	853	825	96.7

Most of these children would at the same time have been immunised against whooping cough and tetanus.

The percentages include babies who had been immunised before coming to live in the District.

For comparison, the immunisation state of Swindon Borough for 1967 babies was 81.5%, that of the whole county 80.3%.

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Of The

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

AND HOUSING OFFICER.

For The Year

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TO THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE HIGHWORTH RURAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to present to you the Annual Report for 1968 on the work of the Public Health and Housing Departments.

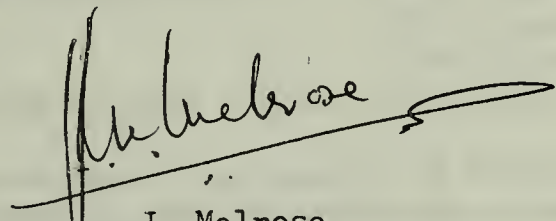
In presenting this Report, I do so on behalf of my predecessor, Mr. Arthur G. Underwood, who so loyally and successfully served this Council as its Chief Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer for almost a quarter of a century and the public health world generally for close on 40 years.

I was most privileged to be his Deputy at Highworth Rural District Council, from 1957 to March, 1969, when he retired, and feel honoured to have been appointed to succeed him.

New development in the District has gone ahead at approximately the same speed as in the past 10 years, viz. approximately 1,000 new domestic properties plus business and industrial premises. This tends to stretch services to the limit, but I am pleased to report that we have managed, by forward planning, to cope with the extra demands on all the services under our control.

I should like to thank Dr. P. Parry, Medical Officer of Health during 1968, who left to take up an appointment in industry, for all his help and co-operation during his term of office.

I look forward to presenting my own first Annual Report next year.



J. Melrose,
Chief Public Health Inspector
& Housing Officer.

SECTION ONE

WATER SUPPLIES

Practically the whole of the District is supplied by public mains by Swindon Water Undertaking. None of the supplies is plumbo-solvent. Where it has been found necessary from bacteriological examination, owners of private supplies have been requested to and have installed chlorination plants or filtering equipment, and these have functioned satisfactorily.

No major problems have arisen over water supplies during the year.

WATER SAMPLING (BACTERIOLOGICAL)

Two private wells were found to be polluted during the year, one in respect of a tenanted house and the other an owner/occupier. The owner of the tenanted house was notified and asked to provide a supply of water from the public main into the house. At the end of the year this work had not been carried out and steps were being taken to serve notice under Section 138 of the Public Health Act 1936 on the owner. The owner/occupier was not prepared to install a mains supply, because the sale of the property was likely. However, she was notified that the well water was polluted and should be boiled before drinking. This property is to be demolished in the near future due to road works, and is in the area to be taken over by Swindon Corporation in the near future.

One private main supply gave an unsatisfactory result and this was found to be due to a burst main. After repair and suitable treatment, a satisfactory result was obtained.

All the samples taken from the public mains gave satisfactory results.

WATER SAMPLING (CHEMICAL)

Three public and three private mains supplies were sampled and the results showed that they varied very little from previous years and were very satisfactory. The amounts of fluorine in these waters was as follows:-

Swindon Water Undertaking -	Latton Supply	0.53 p.p.m.
" "	Ashton Keynes Supply	0.51 p.p.m.
" "	Ogbourne Supply	0.10 p.p.m.
Calley Estate Private Supply		0.11 p.p.m.
Bland Private Supply, Foxhill		0.09 p.p.m.
Bishopstone Church Commissioners Private Supply		0.08 p.p.m.

This shows a general lowering in the amounts of fluorine present in the waters when compared with two years ago, especially in the Latton and Ashton Keynes Supplies.

SWIMMING POOL

During the year a heated open-air swimming pool, was opened at Highworth under the auspices of the Highworth Recreation Committee. The pool, which has changing facilities for 100 males and 100 females is open from April to October each year. The pool is of sound construction, provided with good facilities and has an up to date water treatment plant.

The pool was plagued with minor problems during its first season and considerable trouble was experienced with the growth of algae. However, these were generally overcome and a good standard of water purity was maintained.

Towards the end of the season, an attendant who has a good knowledge, and practical experience of swimming pools was appointed and it is anticipated that he will be able to set and keep a very high standard.

DETAILS OF ALL WATER SAMPLES TAKEN
IN THE VARIOUS PARISHES

Parish	Total No. of Samples Taken Chemical, Bacteriological & Fluoride.	Total No. Satisfactory	Total No. Unsatisfactory
Bishopstone	3	3	-
Blunsdon	2	2	-
Castle Eaton	2	2	-
Chiseldon	6	4	2
Hannington	2	-	2
Haydon Wick	-	-	-
Highworth	-	-	-
Inglesham	-	-	-
Liddington	1	-	1
South Marston	-	-	-
Stanton Fitz.	-	-	-
Stratton St. Margaret	3	3	-
Wanborough	2	2	-
Wroughton	-	-	-
TOTAL:	21	16	5

SAMPLING & ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC SUPPLIES

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological examination	6
" " " giving unsatisfactory results	Nil
" " " submitted for chemical analysis	3
" " " giving unsatisfactory results	Nil
" " " submitted for fluoride test	3

PRIVATE SUPPLIES

Parish	Total No. Samples Taken	Total Number Satisfactory	Total Number Unsatisfactory
Bishopstone	3	3	-
Chiseldon	4	2	2
Hannington	-	-	-
Haydon Wick	-	-	-
Highworth	-	-	-
Wanborough	2	2	-
TOTAL:	9	7	2

SAMPLING & ANALYSIS OF PRIVATE SUPPLIES

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological examination	6
" " " giving unsatisfactory results	2
" " " submitted for chemical analysis	3
" " " giving unsatisfactory results	Nil
" " " submitted for fluoride test	3

INDIVIDUAL WELL SUPPLIES

PARISH	TOTAL NO. SAMPLES TAKEN BACTERIOLOGICAL	TOTAL NUMBER SATISFACTORY	TOTAL NUMBER UNSATISFACTORY
Hannington	2	-	2
Liddington	1	-	1

SAMPLING & ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL SUPPLIES

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological exam.	3
" " " giving unsatisfactory results	3
" " " submitted for chemical analysis	Nil

PARISH	POPULATION IN HOUSES	TOTAL NO. OF HOUSES	SOURCE OF SUPPLY	HOUSES ON PIPED WATER	% PIPED IN DOORS	HOUSES ON O/DOOR S/TAPS	HOUSES ON WELLS	% HOUSES ON WELLS OR S/TAPS.
Bishopstone	601	199	Lammy Down - Church Comm. Ogbourne, Swindon Corp. (Hinton Supply)	197	99	2	15	8.54
Blunsdon	1,790	620	Latton - Swindon Corp.	620	100	-	-	-
Castle Eaton	304	78	Ashton Keynes - Swindon Corp.	78	100	-	12	15.38
Chiseldon (does not inc. service personnel in camps etc.)	2,938	848	Ogbourne - Swindon Corp. Burderop Estate Reservoir	848	100	-	-	-
Hannington	276	72	Latton - Swindon Corp.	72	100	-	6	8.33
Haydon Wick	2,056	770	Latton - Swindon Corp.	770	100	-	1	0.13
Highworth	5,020	1,863	Latton - Swindon Corp.	1,863	100	-	2	0.11
Inglesham	129	39	Latton - Swindon Corp.	39	100	-	1	2.56
Liddington	349	117	Ogbourne - Swindon Corp.	116	99.15	1	1	1.71
South Marston	565	177	Latton - Swindon Corp.	173	97.74	-	4	2.26
Stanton Fitzwarren	212	72	Latton - Swindon Corp.	72	100	-	-	-
Stratton St. Margaret	17,386	5,830	Latton - Swindon Corp.	5,830	100	-	-	-
Wanborough	3,321	1,185	(Foxhill - Foxhill Estates) (Ogbourne - Swindon Corp.)	1,185	100	1	-	0.08
Wroughton (does not inc. service personnel in camps etc.)	7,340	2,356	Ogbourne - Swindon Corp.	2,356	100	-	-	-
TOTALS:	42,287	14,226		14,219	99.96	4	42	0.32

SECTION TWO

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD, FOOD PREPARATION PREMISES & FOOD SHOPS

Licensed Premises

The general standard of hygiene, in the 60 Licensed premises in the Council's area, is good. Co-operation with the breweries has ensured that repairs are promptly carried out and the general improvement of the premises is maintained.

Most premises now serve hot and cold snacks and seven serve cooked meals.

Communal Catering Premises

The number of catering establishments has increased this year to 48.

The general standard of hygiene has been found to be good; informal action only was necessary to bring about improvements as and when they were required.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955

The following complaints concerning food were made during the year and the action taken in each case is shown.

1. Dirt in milk bottle
Action: Fined £30, 8 gns. analysts fee, 2 gns. transport, 15 gns. advocates fee.
2. Foreign matter in packet of pork sausages.
Action: Following report to Council, warning letter sent.
3. Dirt in milk bottles.
No Action - due to complaint not being considered justifiable.
4. Mould on Steak & Kidney Pie.
Action: Court Proceedings. Fined 10 gns., 10 gns. advocates fees and 12 gns. analysts fees.
5. Discolouration of Skinless Beef Sausage.
Action: Following report to Council, warning letter sent.
6. Rusting on tin of Mushroom Soup.
Action: Following report to Council, warning letter sent.
7. Mould in packet of cheese and onion crisps.
Action: Following report to Council, warning letter sent.
8. Mould in Pork Pie.
Action: Following report to Council, warning letter sent.
9. Dirty milk bottle.
Action: Fined £41 16s. including costs.

FOOD PREMISES.

Parish	No. of Food Premises	Types *Indicates also sell ice-cream	No. Comp-lying with Reg.16	No. to which Reg.19 Applies	No. Comp-lying with Reg.19	No. of Premises with Exemption Certificate
Bishopstone	6	1 Fruit & Vegetable Store 2 Public Houses 2 General Provisions (2*) 1 Bakery	1 2 2 1	1 2 2 1	1 2 2 1	
Blunsdon	11	2 Public Houses (1*) 5 General Provisions (4*) 1 Hotel 1 Garage * 1 Licensed Stadium 1 Works Canteen	2 5 1 1 1 1	2 4 1 1 1 1	2 3 1 1 1 1	1
Castle Eaton	2	1 Public House * 1 General Provisions	1 1	1 1	1 1	
Chiseldon	17	6 Public Houses (4*) 6 General Provisions (5*) 1 Licensed Club 1 Bakery 1 School Meals Depot 1 Garage * 1 Butcher	6 5 1 1 1 1 1	6 5 1 1 1 1 1	6 3 1 1 1 1 1	3
Hannington	2	1 Public House 1 General Store *	1 1	1 1	1 1	
Haydon Wick	10	1 Butcher 2 Public Houses 3 General Provisions (2*) 2 Confectioners (1*) 1 Fried Fish Shop 1 Licensed Club	1 2 3 1 1 1	1 2 3 1 1 1	1 2 3 1 1 1	1

FOOD PREMISES (Cont'd)

Parish	No. of Food Premises	Types *Indicates also sell ice-cream	No. Complying with Reg. 16	No. to which Reg. 19 Applies	No. Complying with Reg. 19	No. of Premises with Exemption Certificate
Highworth	39	9 Public Houses 11 General Provisions (9*) 7 Confectioners (4*) 2 Butchers 1 Fried Fish Shop 1 Licensed Club 1 Slaughterhouse 1 Premises used for Storage only 2 School Canteens 2 Cafes 2 Hotels	9 11 7 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2	9 11 5 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2	9 9 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2	2 3
Inglesham	2	1 Cafe 1 Youth Hostel	1 1	1 1	1 1	
Liddington	3	2 Public Houses 1 General Provisions *	2 1	2 1	2 1	
South Marston	5	2 Public Houses 1 General Store * 1 Garage * 1 Works Canteen	2 1 1 1	2 1 1 1	2 1 1 1	
Stanton Fitz.	1	1 General Provisions *	1	1	-	1
Stratton	110	9 Public Houses (3*) 25 General Provisions (19*) 6 Butchers (1*) 1 Poultry Packer 2 Chemists 5 Bakeries 8 Greengrocers (2*) 11 Confectioners (7*) 4 Fried Fish Shops (1*) 1 Wholesale Grocer	9 25 6 1 2 5 8 11 4 1	9 25 6 1 2 5 8 11 4 1	9 25 6 1 2 5 8 11 4 1	

FOOD PREMISES (Cont'd)

Parish	No. of Food Premises	Types *Indicates also sell ice-cream	No. Complying with Reg.16	No. to which Reg.19 Applies	No. Complying with Reg.19	No. of Premises with Exemption Certificate.
Stratton (Cont'd)		2 Licensed Clubs 1 Canning Factory 2 Slaughterhouses 1 Off Licence* 3 Garages* 9 School Canteens 1 Hospital 1 Hostel 1 Welfare Home 1 Cafe 2 Public Houses incorporating Licensed Restaurants 13 Works Canteens 1 Schools Meals Depot	2 1 2 1 3 9 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 13 1	2 1 2 1 - 9 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 13 1	2 1 2 - - 9 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 13 1	1
Wanborough	14	7 Public Houses 4 General Provisions (3*) 1 Poultry Packer 1 Butcher 1 Baker	7 4 1 1 1	7 4 1 1 1	7 1 1 1 1	3
Wroughton	32	7 Public Houses (1*) 1 Licensed Club 11 General Provisions (9*) 2 Greengrocers 1 Baker 3 Butchers 3 Confectioners (2*) 1 Fish & Chip Shop* & General Store 1 Works Canteen 1 School Canteen 1 Chemist	7 1 11 2 1 3 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 13 1	7 1 11 2 1 3 2 1 1 1 1 1 13 1	7 1 8 2 1 3 - 1 1 1 1 1 13 1	3 1

TOTAL NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES - 254

FOOD PREMISES

During the year 1967 food premises in the area have been inspected. The general standard of hygiene of both premises and personnel was found to be good. Only in a few cases was work required to be carried out, this being mainly redecoration. Complaints received concerning food were investigated and the majority of such inquiries revealed that improper stock rotation was one of the factors giving rise to the complaint. Warnings, where necessary, and advice has been given to food handlers on the need for proper rotation of stock.

The previous list gives details for each parish and the nature of business carried out at each of the premises.

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16, OF THE FOOD & DRUGS

ACT 1955

Premises used for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved foods	...	13
Premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice-cream	0
Premises registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream	96
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PREPARATION & SALE OF ICE-CREAM

There are no ice-cream manufacturers in the area but 96 premises were registered for the sale and storage of ice-cream at the end of 1968.

All ice-cream sold from premises in the District is prepared by large manufacturers.

SECTION THREE

MILK SUPPLIES: MILK & DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1959 MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1963, MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1965

No. of distributors registered in the
District 39

No. of producer/retailers in the
District registered as dairy farmers
by the Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries & Food 4

No. of dairies registered in the
District 6

No. of dealers licences 43

No. of producer/retailers licences
granted by the Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries & Food 4

Under the powers delegated by the Wiltshire County Council, the sampling of milk and the licensing and inspection of dairies and milk distributors was continued throughout the year.

No serious problems were encountered and all samples of milk which failed the appropriate tests were followed up by repeat samples until satisfactory results were obtained. All the untreated milk samples taken passed the keeping quality test and of the ten pasteurised milk samples which failed the methylene blue test, the majority were taken from shops, where the milk had been probably kept for too long a period by the shopkeeper.

Further cases of brucella abortus were located in two herds from which trouble had been previously experienced. Individual samples taken from the herds in question showed that three cows were excreting brucella organism in their milk and the milk from the cows was diverted for pasteurisation until samples proved negative.

DETAILS OF SAMPLING DURING 1968

1. Untreated Milk

METHYLENE BLUE TEST				BRUCELLA RING TEST			BIOLOGICAL TEST FOR T.B.		
No. of Samples Taken	Passed	Failed	Void	No. of Samples Taken	Positive	Negative	No. of Samples Taken	Positive	Negative
31	31	Nil	Nil	74	13	61	13	Nil	13

2. Pasteurised Milk (Including Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised))

METHYLENE BLUE TEST				PHOSPHATASE TEST				
No. of Samples Taken	Passed	Failed	Void	No. of Samples Taken	Passed	Failed	Void	
257	242	10	5	252	252	Nil	5	

3. Turbidity Test for Sterilised Milk

No. of Samples Taken	Passed	Failed
17	17	Nil

SECTION FOUR:

MEAT INSPECTION

General

In view of the anticipated substantial increase in slaughtering as a result of the changes at Borthwicks Abattoir, referred to in last year's report, an authorised Meat Officer was appointed in September to augment existing staff. The volume of meat inspection work at these premises and the Bacon Factory is now sufficient to keep three inspectors fully employed.

BACON FACTORY, STRATTON ST. MARGARET.

It was necessary during the year to take proceedings, which proved successful, against an employee of the factory for persistent use of dirty head covering in contravention of the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958. The man was fined £2.

ABATTOIR, STRATTON ST. MARGARET.

Production during the first part of the year consisted of fat lambs, fat cattle and a small number of cows. In August, the abattoir closed temporarily to allow a mechanised line system to be installed. The kill during the year increased as follows:- steers and heifers by 33%, sheep and lambs by 250%.

The condemnation figures vary greatly in cattle, due to the increase in intensively produced animals (Barley Beef) and the importation of cattle of Irish origin, hence the increase of condemned livers and lungs (Abscesses and fluke)

The condemnations are much higher for sheep due to the increase in numbers.

The Foot & Mouth outbreak during the last quarter of 1967 made the procuring of livestock during early 1968 more difficult. Due to the increased demand and shortage of stock expansion was slowed down. However, in the Spring/Summer period prior to the closing and alterations, the kill increased.

Export slaughtering of fat lambs occurred only for a limited period and inspection was carried out by a Veterinary Surgeon authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, in accordance with the terms of the abattoir's export licence.

CARCASES & ORGANS CONDEMNED IN ALL
SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN THE DISTRICT

Cattle

								<u>LBS</u>
Spleens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	268
Udders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Stomachs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	135
Intestines	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
Tails	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Beast & all organs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7150
Carcase meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	972
Heads	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	890
Lungs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6858
Livers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26690
Part Livers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17480
Hearts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	320
Kidneys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	404
Skirts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	306

Sheep

Sheep & all organs	1720
Carcase meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	210
Lungs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2600
Livers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4804
Part Livers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
Hearts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Kidneys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Stomachs & Intestines	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12

Pigs

Pigs and all organs	25920
Carcase meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8272
Heads	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17890
Plucks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4840
Livers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5454
Lungs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10144
Hearts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	445
Spleens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	81
Intestines	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2920
Flecks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	800
Kidneys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	182
Calves & all organs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Plucks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Lungs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

THE INCIDENCE OF DISEASE (WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO TUBERCULOSIS) IN
PIGS SLAUGHTERED AND EXAMINED AT THE ST. MARGARET WILTSHIRE BACON FACTORY LIMITED

1965 - 1968

	1965	1966	1967	1968
Number of pigs killed and examined	46,493	52,565	68,396	58,340
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	138	132	216	156
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	8,961	9,210	13,684	11,438
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	19.6%	17.8%	20.3%	19.9%
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	9	7	1	6
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1,622	1,417	1,801	1,781
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	3.5%	2.7%	2.6%	3.1%

CARCASSES & OFFAL INSPECTED & CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

Number killed Number inspected	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
	12,108 12,108	1,100 1,100	14 14	26,996 26,996	58,358 58,358	- -
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis & Cysticerci:</u>	Whole carcasses condemned	6	11	43	156	-
	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	5,306	669	2,981	11,440	-
	Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	43.9%	61.9%	21.5%	11.2%	19.8%
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>	Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	6	-
	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	1,781	-
	Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	2.6%	-
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	5	-	-	-	-
	Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	5	-	-	-	-
	Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF UNSOUND FOOD.

Canned Meat	7 lbs	Butter	3 lbs
Canned Ham	11 "	Margarine	9 "
Canned Steak	3 "	Cream	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
Corned Beef	$32\frac{1}{2}$ "	Milk Puddings	2 "
Chopped Pork	3 "	Baby Food	2 "
Minced Beef	1 "	Cheese	3 "
Luncheon Meat	24 "	Flour	114 "
Hamburgers	1 "	Crisp bread	12 "
Meat Paste	1 "	Cake Mix	5 "
Salmon	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	Jam	38 "
Pineapple	2 "	Jelly	1 "
Peaches	63 "	Crisps	2 "
Apples	7 "	Cereals	49 "
Grapefruit	13 "	Biscuits	$53\frac{1}{2}$ "
Strawberries	1 "	Coffee	1 "
Raspberries	1 "	Horlicks	10 "
Gooseberries	2 "	Ovaltine	1 "
Blackcurrants	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	Honey	3 "
Prunes	7 "	Soup	$13\frac{1}{2}$ "
Pears	21 "	Bottled drinks	3 "
Fruit Cocktail	13 "	Lemonade crystals	4 "
Mixed Fruit	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	Sweets	101 "
Grapefruit juice	2 "	Chocolates	$27\frac{1}{2}$ "
Cherries	$2\frac{1}{2}$ "	Nuts	7 "
Tomatoes	16 "	Dried Cabbage	$1\frac{1}{2}$ "
Dried Peas	15 "	Canned Milk	9 "
Canned Peas	15 "		
Beetroot	12 "		
Carrots	$150\frac{1}{2}$ "		
Canned Potatoes	17 "		
Pickles	$18\frac{1}{4}$ "		
Pickled Eggs	2 "		
Baked Beans	9 "		
Butter Beans	1 "		
Cocktail Onions	6 "		
Tartare Sauce	$2\frac{1}{2}$ "		
Syrup	4 "		
Cooking Oil	3 "		
Vinegar	40 "		

POULTRY INSPECTION

There was still only one poultry packing establishment in operation during the year, although intimation was received that another establishment would commence operation during the coming year.

The present establishment in Wanborough is a one-man business, slaughtering a few hens from the local market, but mainly home reared broilers. During the course of the year the practice of killing hens ceased and in future only broilers are to be killed. This is of importance from the inspection point of view in that very little disease is encountered in broilers and in the past the only condemnations have been hens.

Relevant figures are set out below:-

No. of visits made - 50

Type of Bird	Number Slaughtered	Number Condemned	Total Weight
Hens	610	9	25 lbs
Broilers	7,420	Nil	-

SECTION FIVEFACTORIES ACT 1961List of Factories In The District.

Agricultural crop driers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bakers and confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bathroom fittings	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Brewing and mineral waters	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Brickmaking	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Blacksmiths	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cabinet making and carpentry	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Carpet and mat manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Concrete and concrete block manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Electronics	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Electro-plating	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Engineers, including repairs to motor vehicles and motor cycles	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Export packing	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fire places	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Food canning	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Joinery, wheelwright, undertakers and woodworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Knackers Yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Laundry	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Metal sorting	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Motor body and caravan builders	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Painting and phosphating	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Plant hire and maintenance	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Printers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Record player manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sausage manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Slaughterhouse	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Wood box manufacturers	1
Wines and Spirits bottling	1
Tyre Fitters	2
Welding Fabrications	1

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FACTORIES ACT 1961

1. Inspections

Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities

Factories not included in above, in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority

Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)

TOTAL:

Number On Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Nil	-	-	-
79	41	4	-
-	-	-	-
79	41	4	-

2.

Cases in which Defects were found

Want of cleanliness, Section 1
Overcrowding, Section 2.
Unreasonable temperature, Section 3.
Inadequate ventilation, Section 4.
Ineffective drainage of floors, Sec.6
Sanitary Conveniences, Section 7:-
(a) insufficient
(b) unsuitable or defective
(c) not separate for sexes
Other offences against the Act
(Excluding outworkers)

TOTAL:

Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	No. of Cases In which Prosecutions were Instituted
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
4	4	-	-	-

OUTWORKERS

41 Persons were notified during the year as engaged in outwork. On inspection all conditions were found to be satisfactory

Nature of Work	Number of Outworkers	No. of Cases in default in Sending Lists to Council	No. of Prosecutions For Failure To Supply Lists	No. of Instances of work in un-wholesome Premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Plastic baby pants, pinafores and nylon bonnets	7					
Tailoring	6					
Letter file manufacture	28					
TOTAL:	41					

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

In the District at the present time nearly 143 premises which come within the scope of the Act, all of which have been inspected since the Act came into force.

Routine inspection of 131 premises was carried out in the year and no major problems were encountered.

Administration

One Public Health Inspector is responsible for enforcement of the Act. Where new premises are being built or existing premises adapted for office or shop use, advice is given on the requirements of the Act before commencement of building operations.

Enforcement

Apart from new premises not yet fully occupied, all premises have been inspected since the Act came into force. During 1968, 131 visits were made and conditions at these premises were generally satisfactory. Thermometers, First Aid Boxes and abstracts of the Act were the only items which were required to be provided.

Twenty-two accidents were reported by occupiers during the course of the year. These were due to:-

Machinery	...	...	...	...	5
Falls on same level	...	...	...	...	4
Knocking against or treading on objects	...	...	...	...	4
Lifting goods	...	...	...	...	8
Struck by falling objects	...	...	...	...	1

None of the injuries was fatal or resulted in the loss of sight or limbs.

A statistical report is given on the attached Table.

Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) of the Act	1
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Number of other staff employed most of their time on work in connection with the Act	None
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Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises	131
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Number of exemptions granted or refused under the Act	Nil
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Number of prosecutions instituted	Nil
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Number of complaints made under Section 22	Nil
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Number of interim orders granted	Nil
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REGISTRATIONS & GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Class of Premises	Number of Premises Registered During The Year	Total Number of Registered Premises At the End of Year.	Number of Registered Premises Receiving A General Inspection During the Year.
Offices	-	20	11
Retail Shops	3	96	35
Wholesale Shops, Ware-houses	1	9	5
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	1	18	10
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTAL:	5	143	61

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED

PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons Employed
Offices	556
Retail Shops	292
Wholesale Departments, warehouses	931
Catering establishments open to the public	94
Canteens	14
Fuel Storage depots	-
TOTAL:	1,887

Total Males: 678
Total Females: 1,209

SECTION SIX.

PUBLIC HEALTH GENERAL

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Weather

The total annual rainfall recorded at Wroughton was 30.36 inches (1967 = 29.70 inches, 1966 = 27.25 inches). Of this amount 3.38 inches fell on the 10th July, 1968, during severe storms which produced serious flooding in the District, especially in Stratton St. Margaret and Wroughton.

Prolonged rain caused minor flooding in September, and with later rains the ground remained generally waterlogged.

Such weather inevitably delayed construction work, adversely affected the operation of sewage disposal works (particularly as regards the flows to be dealt with and the drying of sludge) and involved staff with numerous reports of flooding.

Trade Effluents.

Amongst the applications to discharge trade effluents which were received were those for the new works under construction for Union-Carbide Ltd., Valbania Ltd., and Roussel Laboratories Ltd., and for Somerset Farm at Wanborough. This last mentioned application, which was a forerunner in respect of farm effluents, was not approved.

IN THE PARISHES

Blunsdon St. Andrew

The scheme to enlarge the Blunsdon Sewage Disposal Works, referred to in the Report for 1967, was rejected by the Ministry who subsequently agreed that schemes should be produced for improvements for a temporary period of five years and for the sewerage of Lower Blunsdon. The temporary improvements included adjustment of the weirs of the sedimentation tank, conversion of the humus tank to an upward flow clarifier, and construction of effluent lagoons, all of which should be brought into use early in 1969. Preparation of a scheme for Lower Blunsdon is in hand.

Chiseldon

The scheme for extension of the sewage disposal works was in the course of preparation by the Consulting Engineers, Howard Humphreys and Sons.

Haydon Wick

An Autodialler Alarm System was installed at the pumping station on the Greenmeadow Estate to call a sequence of selected numbers in the event of failure of the pumps or of the electricity supply.

Highworth.

The Ministry's approval in principle was received to the scheme for re-sewering Lechlade Road and the preparation of tender documents was commenced.

Public Conveniences were constructed at the new car park at Eastrop.

During the floods in July, the area of the sludge drying beds at the Highworth S.D. Works was submerged. Chemicals were used to assist the dewatering of sludge, a process which was, as mentioned above, considerably inhibited by the weather.

Inglesham.

Approval in principle was received from the Ministry to the sewerage scheme for Upper Inglesham referred to in the Report for 1967, but approval to proceed was withheld.

South Marston.

A scheme for the sewerage of South Marston, prepared by the Consulting Engineers, Howard Humphreys and Sons. was submitted to the Ministry and the result was awaited at the end of the year.

Stratton St. Margaret

A scheme to alleviate flooding at West View, Nythe Estate, was practically completed by the end of the year.

Wanborough.

The Liddington section of Stage II of the Wanborough Sewerage Scheme was completed early in the year and the Badbury Section, including the Pumping Station, in the late summer.

Wroughton.

Six additional sludge drying beds were constructed at the Wroughton Sewage Disposal Works. As at Highworth, chemicals were used here to assist the dewatering of sludge.

On the Manor Park Estate works were carried out in several places to alleviate frequent flooding.

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The information on this item was kindly supplied by the Engineer & Surveyor.

DRAINAGE.

Parish	Number Of Houses In 1968	H O U S E S .					
		On Public Sewer	Percent- age	Septic Tank Or Cesspool	Percent- age	No Proper Drainage	Percent- age
Bishopstone	199	90	45.23	100	50.25	9	4.52
Blunsdon	620	532	85.81	53	8.55	35	5.64
Castle Eaton	78	56	71.79	22	28.21	-	-
Chiseldon	848	773	91.04	54	6.37	21	2.59
Hannington	72	28	38.89	40	55.56	4	5.55
Haydon Wick	770	757	98.32	10	1.29	3	0.39
Highworth	1,863	1,771	95.07	89	4.77	3	0.16
Inglesham	39	-	-	32	81.00	7	19.00
Liddington	117	42	35.89	57	48.73	18	15.38
South Marston	177	78	44.07	73	41.24	26	14.69
Stratton St. Margaret	5,830	5,807	99.61	23	0.39	-	-
Stanton Fitzwarren	72	68	94.44	4	5.56	-	-
Wanborough	1,185	938	79.16	196	16.54	51	4.30
Wroughton	2,356	2,269	96.31	48	2.04	39	1.65
TOTAL:	14,226	13,209	92.85	801	5.63	216	1.52

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER 1957

The two small boiling plants continued in operation and no difficulties were experienced. An application for a licence under the Order was received from Coopers Farm Services Ltd. and the necessary licence issued. Special attention was paid to the working of these plants during the widespread outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease, during the early part of the year.

CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

The position with regard to the caravan sites in the District varied very little. All sites are now virtually up to capacity, with just one site not quite complete. The general very high standard obtained by the sites has been maintained.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no registered common lodging houses in the Council's area.

OFFENSIVE TRADES - MEAT BY-PRODUCTS PLANT

Marshgate Works, Stratton Road, Stratton St. Margaret.

During the year the plant has operated in a satisfactory manner and few complaints have been received. One of the main factors in ensuring the plant is run with a minimum of nuisance is by insisting as far as possible that only fresh products are brought into the premises and are immediately processed. Regular inspections were made during the year.

Routine observations were taken during the year on the effects of the plant on the surrounding area. There still remains a smell nuisance from time to time which is inevitable by the very nature of the business of an offensive trade being carried out.

SUMMARY OF CARAVANS IN THE DISTRICT
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1968

PARISH	INDIVIDUAL SITES	MULTIPLE LICENSED SITES	NO. OF CARAVANS ON MULTIPLE LICENSED SITES.
Bishopstone	-	-	-
Blunsdon	3	2	114
Castle Eaton	-	-	-
Chiseldon	-	-	-
Hannington	-	-	-
Haydon Wick	3	-	-
Highworth	1	-	-
Inglesham	-	-	-
Liddington	1	-	-
Stanton Fitzwarren	-	-	-
South Marston	1	-	-
Stratton St. Margaret	-	4	52
Wanborough	1	1	2
Wroughton	1	2	61
TOTAL:	11	9	229

RODENT CONTROL

General

All complaints were dealt with as soon as possible after being received. When time was available, surveys were made of possible reservoirs of infestations. A number of large infestations were located as a result of this practice and were successfully treated.

Regular inspections of the Council's refuse tip and sewage works were carried out and a moderate infestation at the Rhymes Barn Tip and several minor infestations at sewage works were successfully treated.

Only part of the sewerage system in the District was test baited. This was due to the very bad weather experienced during the summer and the Rodent Operator being sick for several weeks. However, no infestations were located in those systems which were tested.

RODENT CONTROL - 31ST DECEMBER, 1968

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	NON- AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1. Number of properties in District	14,226	258
2. a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	224	13
b) Number infested by (i) Rats	146	13
(ii) Mice	46	1
3. a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	113	20
b) Number infested by (i) Rats	24	7
(ii) Mice	1	-
<u>SEWERS</u>		
4. Were any sewers infested by rats during the period?	NO	

SECTION SEVEN

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE

Refuse Collection

A weekly kerbside collection was maintained during the year, despite a large increase in the number of properties. The year was marred by a current of unrest in the refuse collection staff, principally over the delay in introducing an incentive bonus scheme and a short strike over an internal dispute, was quickly remedied. There were the usual delays at Bank Holiday periods caused by the general unwillingness of men to work periods of overtime. However, these periods apart, few delays were experienced.

Four new vehicles were purchased during 1968. Two 50 cu. yd. pakamatic vehicles, one side loading vehicle and one 6 cwt. van. The 50 cu. yd. vehicles were purchased to cope with the greatly increased length of haul to tip and the side loading vehicle to deal with the special collections and premises where access is difficult with a large vehicle. A regular system of maintenance was carried out on all vehicles throughout the year and this ensured that mechanical breakdowns were cut to a minimum.

During the year a cleansing inspector was appointed to take charge of the running of the depot and to relieve the foreman of the clerical and administrative work to enable him to devote more time to maintenance of vehicles and attending breakdowns.

Vehicles.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Cubic Yards</u>	<u>Petrol/ Diesel</u>	<u>Acquired</u>
1 Shelvoke & Drewry	18	Diesel	21.10.58
1 " " "	18	"	16. 1.62
1 " " "	18	"	8.10.62
1 " " "		"	
1 Pakamatic	50	"	2.12.64
1 Morris Commercial Van	10 cwt.	"	25. 5.65
1 Shelvoke & Drewry Pakamatic	50	"	14. 7.66
1 " " "		"	
1 Pakamatic	50	"	26. 3.68
1 Bedford Van	6 cwt.	Petrol	9. 5.68
1 Shelvoke & Drewry Pakamatic	50	Diesel	14. 6.68
1 B.100 Loading Shovel			April, 1967
1 Bedford Refuse Vehicle	3	Diesel	6. 8.65 (Disposed of 20.2.68)
1 Dodge Refuse Vehicle	8		16. 7.68

Staff.

1 Foreman
9 Drivers
1 Plant Operator (for Refuse Disposal)
18 Loaders.

Absenteeism continues to be a regular feature of the refuse collection staff. Approximately 20 - 25 days per week being lost and this necessitates employing some 3 or 4 more men than is necessary in order to ensure a full daily complement. The attitude of the men during the year became generally more militant and they felt that their bonus scheme was being perpetually shelved. However, repeated assurances from officers of my Department and by the Clerk and Chairman of the Council prevented any further withdrawals of labour.

Refuse Disposal

1968 saw the end of the small site at Hannington and in April tipping commenced at the Rhymes Barn Site, Fairford. This site is some 13 miles from the depot which greatly increases the running time of vehicles and hence a further vehicle had to be purchased to make up for time lost in travelling. The tip is an old gravel pit and is ideally situated well away from any properties and no complaints have been received regarding the management of the tip, which is securely fenced to prevent unauthorised access. Tipping is proceeding well at this site in accordance with the Principles of Controlled Tipping.

General

A report was presented at the end of the year, detailing a vehicle replacement programme until 1975 and also stating what would be involved in introducing a paper sack scheme of refuse collection from domestic premises and a bulk container system for the collection of refuse from trade premises.

Statistical Details.

Number of premises from which collection	
is made	14,226
Area of District	48,549 acres
Method of collection	weekly, kerbside
Method of disposal	Controlled tipping at Hannington Jan-April, and Rhymes Barn, Kempsford April- December.

SECTION EIGHT

PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT 1928

The following Table gives the total quantity of petroleum spirit, cellulose and calcium carbide stored in the District, and also the number of licences issued.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT

	<u>Gallons</u>
Total quantity licensed for private users 	39,795
Total quantity licensed for filling stations 	163,750
TOTAL	<u>203,545</u>
Number of Licences issued to private users 	65
Number of Licences issued to filling stations 	22
TOTAL	<u>87</u>

The number of petroleum licences in each Parish can be seen on the following Table.

CELLULOSE

Total quantity licensed 	6,450 gallons
Number of Licences issued	5

These Licences were all issued to private users as follows:-

Blunsdon 	100 gallons
Stratton 	6,350 gallons

CALCIUM CARBIDE

Total quantity licensed 	91,952 lbs
Number of Licences issued	3

These Licences were all issued to private users as follows:-

Chiseldon 1 	2,240 lbs
Highworth 1 	112 "
Stratton 1 	89,600 "

SPECIAL BOILING POINT SOLVENT.

Total quantity licensed 	750 gallons
No. of Licences issued 	1
(Private user, Stratton St. Margaret)	

NUMBER OF LICENCES ISSUED

Parish	Number of Licences		Quantity Stored in Galls.		Total Stored In Gallons
	Filling Stations	Private Stores	Filling Stations	Private Stores	
Bishopstone	-	7	-	2,300	2,300
Blunsdon	1	3	11,000	650	11,650
Castle Eaton	-	3	-	1,400	1,400
Chiseldon	3	7	18,500	2,450	20,950
Haydon Wick	1	1	9,000	250	9,250
Highworth	3	11	18,000	3,150	21,150
South Marston	1	1	10,000	4,945	14,945
Stanton Fitzwarren	-	1	-	250	250
Stratton St. Margaret	10	15	78,250	17,200	95,450
Wanborough	1	8	1,000	2,750	3,750
Wroughton	2	8	18,000	4,450	22,450
TOTAL:	22	65	163,750	39,795	203,545

SECTION NINEH O U S I N G .HOUSING STATISTICS FOR 1968

1. Number of permanent dwellings in District
at end of year 14,226
2. Number of permanent dwellings in District
owned by Local Authority 2,418
3. Number of temporary dwellings in District
owned by Local Authority Nil
4. Number of applications for Council houses
at end of year (Live List) 290
5. Inspection of dwellings during year:-
 - i. Number of dwellings inspected under
Public Health or Housing Acts 950
 - ii. Number of dwellings found to be
unfit Nil
6. Number of dwellings rendered fit in
consequence of informal action Nil
7. Action under Statutory Powers
 - A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 12 Housing Act, 1957
 - i. Number of dwellings where notices were
served requiring defects to be remedied ... Nil
 - ii. Number of dwellings rendered fit after
service of formal notices.
 - (a) by owners Nil
 - (b) by Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil
 - B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.
 - i. Number of dwellings where formal
notices were served 1
 - ii. Number of dwellings made fit as a result
of formal notices.
 - (a) by owners Nil
 - (b) by Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil
 - C. Proceedings under Section 16, Housing Act, 1957
 - i. Number of Demolition Orders made Nil
 - ii. Number of dwellings demolished as a
result of Demolition Orders 7
 - iii. Number of undertakings accepted to
make fit or not to re-let Nil

- iv. Number of dwellings made fit as result
of undertakings Nil
- D. Proceedings under Sections 42, 43, 46, 48 Housing Act, 1957
- i. Number of dwellings in clearance areas
upon which demolition orders were made Nil
- ii. Number of dwellings demolished as
result of demolition orders Nil
- iii. Number of dwellings in clearance areas
which have been retained as temporary
accommodation Nil
- E. Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 27, Housing Act, 1957
& Section 26, Housing Act, 1961
- i. Number of dwellings where Closing
Orders were made Nil
- ii. Number of dwellings closed as a result
of Closing Orders or undertakings by
owners Nil
- F. Proceedings under Section 76, Housing Act, 1957
- i. Number of cases of overcrowding at end of
year Nil
- ii. Number of cases of overcrowding discovered
during year Nil
- iii. Number of cases of overcrowding abated
during year Nil

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS COMPLETED

FROM 1961 - 1968

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Grants</u>	<u>Amount of Grant Paid</u> £.
1961	34	2,778
1962	61	5,661
1963	33	3,940
1964	58	7,175
1965	60	4,235
1966	29	4,048
1967	33	4,933
1968	38	7,040
TOTAL:	<u>346</u>	<u>39,810</u>

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Number of Discretionary Improvement
Grants completed during 1968 4

Total value of Discretionary Improvement
Grants paid during 1968 £1,582

This brings the total number of
Discretionary Improvement Grants completed
from 1949 to 1968 to Two Hundred and
Seventy Nine, and the value of grant paid
during that period to £78,108

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE
HOUSING ACTS, 1936/57

During the Year, 1968

Number of Demolition Orders made	-
Number of Closing Orders made	-
Number of Undertakings accepted	-
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Number of houses demolished	7
Number of Closing Orders lifted	-
Number of Undertakings cleared	-
Number of Demolition Orders revoked	...		-
Number of Closing Orders replaced by Demolition Orders	...	...	-
Number licensed for temporary occupation			-
Number rendered uninhabitable and adapted for use as stores	-
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			7
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From 1945 - 1968

Number of Demolition Orders made	189
Number of Closing Orders made	25
Number of Undertakings accepted	111
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			325
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Number of houses demolished	214
Number of Closing Orders lifted	9
Number of Undertakings cleared	81
Number of Demolition Orders revoked	...		4
Number licensed for temporary occupation			3
Number rendered uninhabitable and adapted for use as stores	9
Number on which action is pending	5
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			325
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LOCAL AUTHORITY TEMPORARY

DWELLINGS DEALT WITH

Closed or demolished	24	during	1963
Closed or demolished	...	...	76	"	1964
Closed or demolished	...	...	79	"	1965
Closed or demolished	...	...	133	"	1966
Closed or demolished	...	...	77	"	1967
Closed or demolished	...	...	5	"	1968
			<u>374</u>		

TYPES OF HOUSES OWNED BY THE HIGHWORTH
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL AS AT THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1968

Traditional

Post-war aged persons bungalows	...	...	191
Pre-war houses	...	...	475
Pre-war aged persons bungalows	...	...	27
Wartime agricultural houses	...	...	8
Post-war houses	...	...	592
Post-war flats	...	...	75
Experimental houses (Chick)	6
Gregory Flats	8
Warden Scheme	73
Disabled person's bungalows	4
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			1,459

Non-Traditional

Reema aged persons bungalows	137
Reema houses	367
Reema flats	35
Woolaway houses	...	...	76
Cornish unit houses	...	...	120
Cornish unit flats	...	...	48
Airey houses	156
Swedish timber houses	8
Cornish unit aged persons bungalows	4
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			951

Miscellaneous Properties

Staff houses and flats	6
Acquired houses	2
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			8
		<u>Total:</u>	2,418

POST-WAR HOUSES: NUMBER COMPLETED YEARLY

Year	Private Enterprise	C O U N C I L				Total
		Traditional Houses		Non-Traditional Houses		
		For Industry	Council Appl.	For Industry	Council Appl.	
1946	15	-	6	-	8	29
1947	13	-	27	-	-	40
1948	9	-	37	-	46	92
1949	11	-	8	-	96	115
1950	9	-	18	-	54	81
1951	7	2	19	16	66	110
1952	23	5	17	34	71	150
1953	31	7	23	41	120	222
1954	97	12	16	52	16	193
1955	107	3	13	36	1	160
1956	98	31	41	56	66	292
1957	196	8	6	19	5	234
1958	252	-	-	-	5	257
1959	339	-	1	-	23	363
1960	370	-	6	-	30	406
1961	527	-	1	-	6	534
1962	397	-	=	-	40	437
1963	662	-	21	-	36	719
			Warden Scheme			
1964	917	-	55	-	22	994
1965	866	-	102	-	-	968
1966	724	-	133	-	-	857
1967	1,051	-	214	-	-	1,765 1,265
			(inc. 26 Warden Scheme)			
1968	683	-	110	-	-	793
			(inc. 29 Warden Scheme)			
TOTAL;	7,404	68	874	254	711	9,311

PRESENT ACCOMMODATION OF APPLICANTS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1968

(a) Of 184 Housing Applicants

Present Accommodation	In District	Outside District
Rooms	40	6
Caravan	3	1
Private House (Tenant)	36	25
Private Flat (Tenant)	8	6
Owner/Occupier	6	2
Council House	44	0
Council Flat	7	0
TOTAL:	144	40

(b) Of 106 Aged Persons Bungalow Applicants

Present Accommodation	In District	Outside District
Rooms	7	1
Caravans	4	0
Private House (Tenant)	28	4
Owner/Occupier	31	2
Council House	20	0
Council Flat	6	0
Council A.P.B.	3	0
TOTAL:	99	7

